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1. DEPARTMENT AND DOD CONCUR IN SOFA SUBGROUP PROPOSAL
THAT IT NEXT MEET IN WASHINGTON DURING THE WEEK OF 17-21
NOVEMBER. IN EXTENDING AN INVITATION TO THE GREEKS,
EMBASSY SHOULD NOTE THAT, GIVEN THE COMPLEXITY OF THE
ISSUES REMAINING TO BE RESOLVED, THE SOFA SUBGROUP'S ABILITY
TO COMPLETE ITS WORK AT THE NEXT SESSION WOULD BE SIGNIFI-
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CANTLY ENHANCED BY PROVIDING THE US SIDE WITH IMMEDIATE

ACCESS TO KEY WASHINGTON AGENCIES.

2. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE COMPOSITION OF THE SOFA SUB-GROUP REMAIN INTACT FOR WHAT WILL HOPEFULLY PROVE TO BE ITS FINAL FORMAL SESSION. IN OUR VIEW, SOFA SUBGROUP AT THE PROPOSED NOVEMBER SESSION SHOULD THEREFORE AGAIN INCLUDE ECONOMIDES, MACHERITSAS AND COL. ANDRIKOS ON GREEK SIDE AND CDR. GRUNAWALT AND PUGH ON US SIDE. KISSINGER

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